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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUE

REF (A) JIDDA 7174 (NOTAL), (B) CAIRO 15303

1. ECON COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF RAISED EXEMPTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FROM ARAB BOYCOTT WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ABDULLAH ALIREZA ALONG SAME LINES AS REPORTED JIDDA 7174, LEAVING WITH HIM SET OF TALKING PAPERS.

2. MINISTER RESPONDED WITH LONG AND TRADITIONAL ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF BOYCOTT BUT DID ACKNOWLEDGE POSSIBILITY OF "TECHNICAL ASPECTS" FAVORING EXEMPTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. MEETING WITH COMMERCE MINISTRY WAS REVIEWED WITH HIM. IT WAS NOTED EMBOFFS STILL HAD TO CALL ON MINISTER OF POSTS, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE IN ORDER TO PRESS TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES FOR SAG IN REMOVING COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOYCOTT.

3. UPSHOT WAS MINISTER TOLD EMBOFFS THAT, AS LONG AS WE WERE NOT PRESSING BOYCOTT ISSUE PER SE BUT ONLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND ALWAYS PROVIDED THAT SAG COULD FIND

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A SOLUTION AND NOT APPEAR TO BE BACKING DOWN WHEN USG

WAS MAKING SUCH AN ISSUE OF THE BOYCOTT, HE WOULD SEE WHAT
COULD BE DONE.
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